

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claim 1 without prejudice and amended claims 2-5, 7 and 9-12. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

In the amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 2 into independent form, made claims 3 and 4 depend directly or indirectly from the amended claim 2, amended claim 5 to contain all of the limitations of claim 2, and amended the remainder of the claims to be directly or indirectly dependent upon claims 2 or 5.

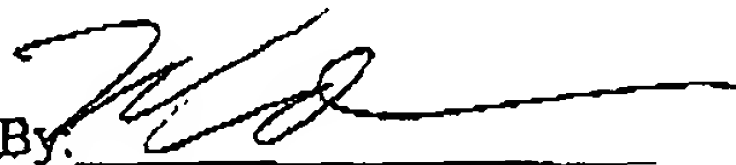
The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 7 and 9-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments to the claims described in the preceding paragraph that all of the remaining claims in the application, namely claims 2-12, are all allowable. Applicant accepts these allowed claims.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Rule 116 Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.


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